

tall in stature, stoutly made, with a  
 leonine face  
 and a loud but harsh voice,

The judgments passed upon Roger's  
 character

by the historians of the time are such  
 as one might

assume from a survey of his reign,  
 There was

nothing of the headlong warrior about  
 him; he

relied more upon his intellect than upon  
 his sword;

he so disposed himself at all times  
 against an

enemy that he always triumphed  
 without blood-

shed.<sup>1</sup> He was everywhere more  
 feared than

beloved; in public he showed himself  
 stem, in

private he could show affability, but  
 even there he

preferred to inspire fear rather than  
 encourage

familiarity; not only Greeks and Arabs  
 but his

own subjects also were afraid of  
 him,<sup>8</sup> Friend

and foe alike eulogised his instinct  
 for justice,

He did justice even against his own  
 son, \* He was

a stern lover of what was just, he  
 hated all who

spoke lies, he faithfully paid his

their

hire, and never forejudged a case.<sup>4</sup>

Subtle in  
 mind, great in counsel, possessed of the

understanding, he was always ready  
 with wise

answers to rash talk. If he generally  
 preferred

his own opinion in the end, he was  
 patient in

seeking and hearing the opinions **of**  
 his Curia,

The founder of a new kingdom,, he had  
enquiry  
made into the customs of other  
and

\*"MafIs utentt mtfone qmun vJrifomi," RotnuaJdi,  
HWJ, Al\*  
Tel,, **iv.** cli, ill,  
<sup>a</sup> Romuald, tt& \* Iba «I **Athir, 3. A, \$.,**  
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